

**THE SEWER BOARD OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA HELD A MEETING IN THE 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING, NEW ALBANY, INDIANA ON TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2007 AT 3:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Mayor James Garner, Vice Chairman Bill Utz, Kevin Zurschmiede, Todd Solomon and Larry Kochert.

**OTHERS:** Attorney Greg Fifer, Tim Crawford, Brian Dixon and Rob Sartell, EMC, and City Clerk Marcey Wisman.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Mayor Garner called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**Mr. Utz moved to approve the April 17, 2007 minutes, Mr. Zurschmiede second, all voted in favor.**

**COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC:**

**Paul Primavera** addressed the board regarding the building of Stone Crest by Ruckman Development. He stated that they received the letter from Clark Deitz and they would like to connect to Basin 25 and they would like the okay to work on the route to the basin. He stated that the closest manhole would be at Reas Lane. but they would have to get the easements or they would run down Grantline Road to Hausfelt Lane.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that they have several crossings in this area and he would like for them to check with him to assure that they would be able to go through this area. He also asked if they would turn over the lift station after it is built.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that it would be immediately turned over to the city with a one year test period.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that after the pump station is no longer needed who the equipment for the lift station will belong to; does it go to the city or the developer.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that it would belong to the city.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding the equipment that would come out of the lift station once it is no longer needed for this project and whether or not the city can use them in other areas.**

**Mr. Fifer** asked if he had designed this project yet.

**Mr. Primavera** stated that they have not that they are still deciding which route they will take, but they wanted the board's blessing to get started first.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that as they work with Mr. Dixon on this project if there are any alternatives with respect to facilities and different types of allocations that they might put into the ground they need to come back to the board to get directions on how to proceed.

**Mrs. Johnson** asked if they had received the second amended consent decree yet.

**Mayor Garner** stated that they have not they are still operating under the memorandum.

**Mrs. Johnson** asked about the size of the line at the Robert E. Lee interceptor and Force Main because she read that they were 15" lines.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that the interceptor was a 15" line but not any more and the force main wasn't 15".

**Mrs. Johnson** asked if anything had been done with those pumps.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that they have been working on the pumps.

**Mrs. Johnson** asked if any the rising water of the river affected the pump station.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that they really have no way of telling that but it shouldn't be affecting it.

## **COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS**

### **SEWER ADJUSTMENTS:**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mayor Garner** stated that he received a letter from Purdue and they would like conditional approval for 17,500 credits so that they can go ahead with their study.

#### **Item #1 - Jason Sillings with Sillings & Co LLC. Re: 12,350 sewer credits for 38 unit condominium known as Highland Cove**

**Mr. Sillings** stated that they need 12,350 credits for condominiums and he has been told by Georgetown that they are capable and willing to find service.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that he spoke with the Georgetown Engineer and the plans for their sewer plant are now being reviewed by IDEM and they should start building their plant within the next few months.

**Mr. Kochert** moved to approve Mr. Sillings request, Mr. Zurschmiede second, all voted in favor.

**Mayor Garner** stated that they need to make a decision about the Purdue project.

**Mr. Kochert** moved to approve conditional credits for Purdue, Mr. Utz second, all voted in favor except Mr. Solomon who voted nay.

#### **Item #2 - Gary Brinkworth, re: Autumn Springs**

**Gary Brinkworth, Autumn View**, requested 22,320 credits and they need to go ahead and pursue the study to see if the line can handle the capacity from this project. He stated that they do not want to put in a pump station.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that their property abuts basin 35 and that area has capacity that can handle their flow. However, Donahue informed them that the Upper section of Basin 35 can handle the Industrial Park and nothing more. He stated that the other basin that they can tie into is 37 and it is scheduled to be up-graded in the next year or two.

**Mr. Christmas** stated that the problem is that there is a segment that isn't going to be approved for this project.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that redevelopment is going to want to reserve some capacity for phase one and they haven't gotten to those results yet.

**Mayor Garner** asked if the board wants to give conditional approval

**Mr. Kochert** stated that he would rather wait to see what Redevelopment is going to need as well as a map that would show all the lines and capacity.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that he would bring the maps in with him the next meeting.

**Mr. Brinkworth** asked when redevelopment met.

**Mayor Garner** stated that it really wouldn't be an open session but it would be in the next two weeks and that it shouldn't stop them from going ahead with the study.

**Wes Christmas** stated that he didn't think so but they just needed to know what that line had available and what it could handle.

**Mr. Fifer** said he believes they need to have a capacity analysis before they do anything and they haven't seen any reports from redevelopment on the Industrial Park and he would wait to see all of this before giving approval.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Item #1 - Donohue re: Project Update**

**Mr. Elling** stated that at the last meeting he presented an on-call agreement for their review and asked if they had any questions or if they were ready for consideration.

**Mr. Solomon** asked if this was just a continuing services agreement.

**Mr. Elling** stated that it was similar to what it was before.

**Mr. Solomon moved to approve task order #4, Mr. Utz second, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Elling** addressed the issue of the draft scope of the Master plan for the wastewater system. He explained that because of the age of the plant they only prepared the scope to include a partial review of the plant, but that they can do a full review if the board would like.

**Mr. Solomon** asked if they just took the scope that they presented a year ago and massaged it.

**Mr. Elling** explained that it has been massaged because the Capital Improvement plan has been completed and some things have been added in.

**Mr. Solomon** stated that he would like to see flow monitoring added throughout the system; otherwise he thinks the scope looks good.

**Mr. Elling** asked if they wanted them to take a middle of the road approach with the plant.

**Mr. Utz** stated that looked like the way to go at this time.

#### **Item #2 - Clark Dietz re: Project Update**

**Mr. Christmas** presented the amended copy of the Lafollette Station Area Wastewater Lift Station Study and stated that if anyone had any changes that needed to be made to let him know. He reported his memo regarding Basin 18 Relief Sewer Design and stated that the problem on Janie Lane is a local problem of a very shallow man-hole. He reported that a solution to this problem would be to elevate the man-hole rather than running 4,000 feet of relief sewer. He recommended that they check the line again upstream from the man-hole to be sure that there is not any breaks that the creek may be infiltrating into and raising the man hole 2 – 3 ft.

**Mr. Solomon** asked when the last time they had overflows.

**Mr. Christmas** said it has been a while back and they had that big September rain and it didn't overflow.

**Mr. Solomon** stated that the last time they had the overflow they raised the man hole.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that they went out and looked at it because there is a pipe coming out of the creek but it is only about five feet long and they don't really know what it was for but it is plugged up now.

**Mr. Christmas** stated that they cleaned and televised that line at one time and never found anything.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that his main concern with raising the man hole is that it may be higher than the elevation of the homes and could cause back ups into the homes. He stated that there are only 4 houses on the line so it wouldn't take much to investigate the elevations.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that if there are 4 houses they have an obligation to investigate prior to raising the man hole.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that was his position as well.

**Mr. Christmas** pointed out on the map where these houses were and said the over flow wasn't on the main interceptor.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that the ground elevation falls towards the creek but the sewer line falls toward the interceptor so the elevation of the man hole may be below the elevation of the man-hole at the interceptor.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding what they would need to do to get the elevations of the houses on the line and what they need to look for.**

**Mr. Dixon** stated that he would bring the elevation information to the next meeting.

**Mr. Solomon** asked if they had taken a look at the full capacity on falling run.

**Mr. Christmas** stated that they did look at it and Falling Run can handle the peak projected flows for basin 18 without over-flows

**Mr. Solomon motioned to allow Clark Deitz to precede with the basin 18 designs, Mr. Utz second, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Fifer** asked if Mr. Christmas had discussed the route for the basin 35 line yet.

**Mr. Christmas** reported that at the basin 35 interceptor they originally planned to parallel the existing sewer the entire way but when they looked at it and thought it might be a better route to pull away from the original sewer in the upper third on the other side of the creek. He explained that it was a better route; it avoided a lot of restoration and was shorter.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that after he gets the information on the necessary easements he would get them appraised.

**Mr. Solomon** asked if he would be negotiating those easements.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that he would get them appraised and if anything went over the appraised amount he would bring it to the board.

**Mr. Christmas** stated that this route will save about \$110,000.

#### **EMC REPORT:**

**Mr. Dixon** presented a memo on Sanitary Sewer Plan Submittals. He stated that he incorporated everyone's suggestions and he is now going to take this to the Planning and Zoning department for their review. He stated that he did not include a review fee because we do not have anything at this time that we can charge for and they would have

to take any fees to the council before they can start to charge for them. He also discussed the memo that he presented at the last meeting regarding a new vehicle. He had contacted Coyle Chevrolet in New Albany and received three different quotes and Coyle's was the least expensive at \$22,062.00.

**Mr. Zurschmiede** asked why they need this new truck.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that he is currently driving an F-350 that is a good truck but it uses a lot of gas and he could save money there. Also the stormwater board needs a truck to pull a trailer that they have and this truck could handle that trailer and they are interested in buying this F-350.

**Mr. Kochert** suggested that because the sewer board paid \$80K for the trailer they are using why not ask them to purchase the new truck and they can have the F-350 and the sewer utility will get the new truck.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that they could purchase a similar vehicle on their own for around \$14,000.00 and he doesn't know what the status is with the trailer.

**Mr. Kochert** said this would be a good opportunity for them to be good neighbors and help them out a little since they gave them the trailer as a gift.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that he and Mr. Dixon went out to look at the parking lot for the Prudential Building and he believes what is happening is that the ground water that comes over the sleeve under Charlestown Road is getting into the flow-able fill and seeping up through the asphalt. He said that Mr. Dixon thinks the practical solution is to install a slotted pipe and excavating in the parking lot through the flow-able fill to create a french drain. He stated that they are going to try to come up with a solution to make everyone happy and they will bring them back to the board.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that he went out to check it out and it doesn't look like the asphalt is deteriorating.

**Mr. Kochert** asked if was possible to go across to the other side of the road and seal the casing off.

**Mr. Dixon** says they probably already have it sealed off but there will still be water coming off that road and it will still migrate through the base material. He said that he believes the only reason he wanted flow-able fill was so that they could asphalt right away and they were in no position to bargain with him and none of them were aware that there was a ground water problem migrating across the system there.

**Mr. Crawford** reported that the 10<sup>th</sup> Street float system is in and operating and they are in the process now of doing similar work at other stations. They are meeting with Delta next week so that they can look over the stations and provide them with the schematics.

**Mayor Garner** asked if there was alarm if the pumps don't start working.

**Mr. Sartell** said yes and showed them a list of alarm sequences.

**Mr. Solomon** asked what other pumps that are going to be working on.

**Mr. Sartell** stated that it would be Charlestown Rd, Processor, Basin 14 and Mt. Tabor.

**Mr. Mark McCormick** presented the board with the March financial report. He stated that he spoke with Mrs. Garry about their question regarding whether or not she could separate these entities into separate bank accounts and she had talked with State Board of Accounts and they have told her that the drainage can be a separate bank account but that the sanitation cannot because of the \$5,000,000 deficit. He then discussed the up-coming public hearing for the appropriation of \$1.54M from EDIT for additional projects for the year 2007.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that this is just an attempt to go back to last August when they did the rate restructuring they proposed to buy the necessary rate increase down with other funds two of which were the Jail Bond fund and the EDIT fund and now they are trying to go back and bring all that current, so this money would be made available for capital projects assuming it goes to the sewer utility but this only gets them through the first three projects and then they need to find a new source of funds unless the redevelopment commission comes up with the \$900,000.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding EDIT and TIF funds needed for capital improvement projects and money that has been taken out of the sewer utility.**

**Mr. Fifer** asked that the sheet showing option B that was approved by the council for the \$1.54M is put in the council packets for the May 17 meeting.

**Mr. McCormick went through the March report in detail with the board.**

**Mr. Solomon** asked if we have heard anything about Fox/Cotner.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that they are going to mediation. Their attorney filed a motion requiring all five members of the board to mediation and he has rejected this requests and they have a hearing tomorrow.

**Mr. Solomon** asked if we have received the \$36,000 from EMC

**Mayor Garner** stated that we received it and it is already in Kay's office.

**Mr. Solomon** stated that on the credit list Stone Crest is listed for 53,400 credits and Clark Dietz's report shows them at 62,800 credits and said that needs to be addressed.

**Mr. Christmas** stated that 68,200 credits is the actual number for the full build-out

**Mr. Solomon** asked about an email from Mr. Elling about planned development in town and he wanted to know if they could get some more information on these.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that he can contact the engineers and get some information for them.

**Mr. Solomon** asked if the Robert E. Lee impellers have been replaced.

**Mr. Sartell** stated that they are working on the final one.

**Mr. Solomon** asked where the flow meters are currently located.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that he will get him a map for the next meeting to show him where the meters are.

**Mr. Solomon** asked about a submerged module and expressed concerns about it over-flowing.

**Mr. Sartell** explained that they have had several different incidents of construction debris showing up in the intake valves such as 5 gallon buckets, 2X4's and suction pipe.

**Mr. Solomon** stated that he would like to have accurate flow data for the Robert E. Lee Interceptor by June. He said that he believes this is an important project and it needs to be addresses and he is going to bring it up again before he leaves.

**Mr. Solomon** asked how storm-drainage was being televised and asked if they were contracting that out.

**Mr. Dixon** said that they have a camera on a stick that takes photos and he doesn't have to have accurate footage information but rather if it is clean or not and he can tell that by taking a shot from one end to the other.

**BIDS:**

**CLAIMS:**

**Mr. Dixon presented the following invoices for approval:**

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| Donahue & Associates  | Invoice #13      | \$14,728.04 |
| CDI                   | Invoice #41364   | \$3,125.00  |
|                       | Invoice #41487   | \$9,750.00  |
|                       | Invoice #41486   | \$12,112.50 |
| MET                   | Invoice #155697  | \$2,810.36  |
| Cornell Harbison      | Invoice #5787    | \$7,070.00  |
| Excel Excavating      | Invoice #3913    | \$6,788.38  |
| K&E Environmental     | Invoice #463     | \$2,353.84  |
| Truck Sales           | Invoice #HW29539 | \$9,646.67  |
| New Albany Stormwater |                  | \$304.32    |

**Mr. Utz moved to approve, Mr. Zurschmiede second, all voted in favor.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Sewer Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mayor James Garner, Chairman

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Marcey J. Wisman, City Clerk